'WILL' based Mobile Telephone Services

*128. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are reconsidering the proposal of controversial Wireless in Local Loop (WILL) based mobile telephone services;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) With the amendment of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) Act in 2000, it has now become mandatory to seek the recommendations of TRAI in respect of matters specified in sub-clause (i) & (ii) of Clause (a) of Sub-section (1) of Section 11 of TRAI Act. The recommendations of TRAI in such cases follow a transparent and extensive consultation process. In this case also, a detailed consultation paper was circulated and Open House discussions were held in the four metros. It has been the practice in such cases to accept most of the recommendations, particularly those, which are perceived to be in the interest of consumers. The Government has accepted the recommendations of TRAI in this regard.

The matter was referred to Group on Telecom and Information Technology Convergence (GOT-IT) for review in April, 2001. The report of the group, which *inter-alia*, states that it is not necessary to reopen the isue of enabling limited mobility technology to Fixed Service Providers, has been accepted.

Frauds in Banks

*130. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether with the expansion of economic liberalization and banking sector, number of frauds and fraudulent activities in public sector banks has increased considerably;

(b) If so, the details of bank frauds and fraudulent banking activities that have taken place in these banks during the last three years.

(c) the amount involved in these frauds, bank-wise;

(d) the details of the existing mechanism available in PSBs to detect these frauds etc. and whether these have been found adequate;

(e) the details of defrauded amount recovered, bank-wise; and

(f) the measures taken to strengthen fraud detecting mechanisms and recover defrauded amounts in PSBs?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) to (f) It is difficult to establish any relationship between economic liberalisation and frauds in public sector banks. A statement showing the number of frauds reported by Public Sector Banks to RBI, the amounts involved therein and the amounts recovered during the last 3 years is given in statement (*See* below). The Public Sector Banks, in conjunction with the Government and RBI have taken a number of steps for prevention of frauds. These steps include strengthening of the internal control machinery, review of fraud cases on continuing basis, advising banks of modus operandi in ingenious cases along with required safeguards to prevent their recurrence, proper training of operational personnel, investigation and scrutiny into reported cases of major frauds, snap inspection covering systems and procedures and control arrangements in fraud prone areas, obtaining control returns and scrutiny thereof and improving house keeping. Banks also undertake concurrent audit covering 50% of their business, scrutinise cash deposits and withdrawals of Rs. 10 lakhs and above. Besides, banks take regular departmental action and punish officials found involved in cases of frauds. Banks also file civil and criminal suits and seek appropriate relief. Cases are referred to CBI and Police wherever considered necessary.

Statement

Bank-wise number of frauds as reported by public sector banks to Reserve Bank of India and the amount involved therein and amount recovered so far during the year 1998, 1999 and 2000.

(Rupees in Crores)

Name of the Bank	Number of Frauds			Amount involved		
	1998	1999	2000	1998	1999	2000
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
State Bank of India	474 *2	492 *4	546 *5	157.70 (2.70) 0.26 (0.07)	30.50 (6.39) 23.03 (2.40)	269.15 (2.93) 0.25 (0.10)
State Bank of Bikaner & Jaipur	06	14	12	0.02 (0.00)	3.87 (0.00)	5.82 (0.00)
State Bank of Hyderabad	35	32	32	2.57 (0.07)	64.36 (0.66)	15.13 (10.13)
State Bank of Indore	17	07	15	2.95 (0.40)	0.86 (0.00)	0.92 (0.00)
State Bank of Mysore	22	31	34	0.44 (0.09)	0.92 (0.10)	0.71 (0.25)
State Bank of Patiala	17	24	20	2.80 (1.85)	40.47 (0.10)	0.74 (0.24)
State Bank of Saurashtra	04	08	10	1.15 (0.40)	0.22 (0.00)	6.88 (0.62)
State Bank of Travancore	34	39	23	17.24 (0.14)	15.60 (0.31)	0.37 (0.03)
Allahabad Bank	46	39	55	1.21 (0.58)	0.55 (0.04)	3.30 (0.26)
Andhra Bank	61	39	102	8.34 (1.84)	11.62 (0.94)	14.36 (13.27)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Bank of Baroda	93 *03	64	83	13.21 (0.62) 0.10 (0.03)	2.09 (0.20)	2.35 (0.09)
Bank of India	156 *05	140 *13	151 *3	5.90 (2.18) 26.29 (0.07)	22.24 (0.45) 94.17 (0.00)	33.13 (1.36) 1.34 (0.00)
Bank of Maharashtra	30	16	03	0.28 (0.10)	0.58 (0.10)	6.57 (0.00)
Canara Bank	181	286	203	122.85 (0.49)	87.79 (0.22)	53.85 (3.21)
Central Bank of India	58	74	44	9.28 (0.07)	13.75 (5.92)	3.94 (0.28)
Corporation Bank	14	13	37	1.04 (0.33)	0.78 (0.19)	17.5 (0.53)
Dena Bank	28	39	13	6.27 (0.36)	28.08 (0.05)	2.3 (0.45)
Indian Bank	71	69	55	7.87 (0.02)	13.26 (3.65)	3.88 (1.46)
Indian Overseas Bank	47	55	41	3.43 (0.30)	8.06 (0.32)	17.88 (0.33)
Oriental Bank of Commerce	43	10	22	24.49 (1.37)	0.45 (0.03)	18.66 (0.60)
Punjab National Bank	42	54	49	19.77 (0.26)	33.51 (1.37)	22.52 (2.75)
Punjab & Sind Bank	31	12	14	1.57 (0.53)	11.02 (1.20)	13.23 (1.10)
Syndicate Bank	145	97	107	3.90 (0.35)	3.19 (0.23)	8.66 (0.97)
Union Bank of India	72	68	43	6.16 (0.90)	1.78 (0.62)	5.6 (1.13)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
United Bank of India	40	33	51	0.88 (0.07)	1.82 (0.04)	1.43 (0.37)
UCO Bank	43	47	45	1.42 (0.05)	1.25 (0.16)	2.88 (1.83)
Vijaya Bank	35	16	40	31.59 (0.43)	20.81 (0.13)	5.21 (0.54)
TOTAL:	1855	1839	1858	480.98 (16.67)	536.63 (25.82)	538.56 (44.83)

*Outside India Amounts recovered is shown in ( ) (*Data Provisional*)

Loan Advanced to Women Enterpreneurs

*131. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of loan advanced to women by the nationalized banks during the last three years;

(b) the total quantum of loan advanced to women by the nationalized banks during the last three years;

(c) the number of women who have started generating profits from units set up with such loan;

(d) the number of the units which have become non performing assets during the last three years; and

(e) how many of these units are micro units, tiny units, small scale industries, medium units and large scale units?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) to (e) Separate data on loans advanced to women by the nationalized banks was earlier not being generated in the reporting system. They have been advised by the Reserve Bank of India in December, 2000 to create a separate data base for amounts advanced to women through micro credit, credit to SSI, credit to medium and large scale industries, govt. sponsored schemes, and other different schemes of banks and to submit quarterly reports to the RBI beginning from the quarter ended March, 2001.